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NEW PARACHUTE RECORD SET;  
OTHER MILITARY AND PARAMILITARY ACTIVITIES

GROUP PARACHUTE JUMP SETS RECORD -- Pravda, No 174, 23 Jun 49

The night high-altitude jump made by a group of parachutists of the Moscow Central Air Club named V. P. Chkalov on 22 June set an all-Union record. The group was made up of six men and one woman, each of whom has made several hundred jumps and four of whom had made a night jump from 6,680 meters with oxygen equipment. Preparations for the jump were under the direction of Gleb Osval'd, trainer and Master of Parachuting Sport of the USSR, and Dr Yevgeniy Peshkov, Lieutenant Colonel of the medical service. During the preparations, the parachutists were put in pressure and temperature chambers in which conditions similar to those at an altitude of 10,000 - 12,000 meters were simulated. After ground training, the group made a number of test jumps with oxygen equipment.

The plane left one of the airfields at 2345. By maintaining close radio contact with the designated landing area, the crew navigated the plane to the correct position for the jump. The parachutists jumped one by one, beginning at 0120, from a height of 10,200 meters, with the temperature at 53 degrees below zero. They landed in 16 - 18 minutes and were picked up by planes and delivered to the airfield. A careful medical observation of the parachutists indicated they were in excellent physical condition.

All the measuring instruments used in the flight, including the barographs of the parachutists, have been sent to the Central Air Club in Moscow to be studied by a special commission which will make close observations of the results of the jump.

665 DORFLOT UNITS IN TBILISI -- Zarya Vostoka, No 119, 19 Jun 49

DOSPLOT has 665 primary organizations in Tbilisi

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**RAYON DOSARM MEETS IN MOLDAVIA -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 121, 19 Jun 49**

The first Slobodzeyskiy Rayon DOSARM conference was held in Slobodzeya, Moldavian SSR. Kolkoz workers of "Krasnyy Partizan" Artel are taking an active part in this rayon's DOSARM affairs. They conduct target practice and hold Diesel engine classes.

The conference called for further development of defense work. It also called on DOSARM members to give particular attention to fighting farm pests.

**LITHUANIA ORGANIZES FIRE FIGHTERS -- Sovetskaya Litva, No 143, 19 Jun 49**

The Administration of Fire Protection (UPO) of the MVD Lithuanian SSR is organizing volunteer fire departments.

**OFFICERS COMPLETE POLITICAL TRAINING -- Kommunist, No 143, 19 Jun 49**

The Evening University of Marxism-Leninism at the Yerevan Officers' Club has concluded its school year. The following officers completed the final course: I. Chugunov, A. Agaronyan, P. Akopyan, Ya. Nikolayev, G. Galstyan, A. Mgeryan, and T. Romanenko. The following officers completed the second course: I. Mezrin, D. Karapetyan, A. Shimshiryan, I. Stepanenko, V. Baranov, and others.

Courses were given in Russian and Armenian. The study program included history of the VKP(b), dialectical and historical materialism, economics, USSR foreign policy and international relations, and history of military science.

**OFFICERS WRITE ON NAVAL ACTIVITIES -- Krasnyy Flot, No 131, 5 Jun 49**

The Red Banner Cruiser Kirov of the Baltic Fleet celebrated Pushkin Day. Officers Strochkov and Vasily Lepetukhin are members of the Kirov's complement. -- Captain Third Rank N. Lenin of the Cruiser Kirov and special correspondent of Krasnyy Flot.

**Krasnyy Flot, No 130, 4 Jun 49**

General-major A. Basov writes on the development of sport activities among Red Fleet personnel.

**Krasnyy Flot, No 134, 9 Jun 49**

Captain Third Rank A. Tokyyskiy writes on Soviet patriotism.

**ADMIRAL EXPLAINS SUMMER TRAINING -- Krasnyy Flot, No 137, 12 Jun 49**

Commanders and teachers must make the distinction between classroom studies and actual studies on board ship. The winter theoretical training course gives the midshipman [kursant] the fundamentals of many subjects, while summer shipboard practice serves as practical application of classroom studies. The midshipman must, in addition, learn to be a ship's officer; when and how to apply his theoretical and practical knowledge.

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Unfortunately, many of the officers in charge of summer practice have not been good teachers and have failed to give the midshipmen well-rounded training in being ship's officers, rather than simply navigation specialists. -- Rear Admiral K. Kuznetsov.

NAVAL OFFICERS TOLD TO BE AUTHORITATIVE -- Krasnyy Flot, No 135, 10 Jun 49

One of the chief duties of every officer is to gain authority over and win the respect and love of his subordinates. The Soviet officer is a political instructor as well as a military specialist and must therefore have a deep understanding of Marxist-Leninist theory. He must take care of his subordinates -- their feeding, well-being, and uniforms -- and teach them as well and fast as possible everything that they will need to know in war. He must know them all personally. -- D. Semenov.

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